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TO AMEMBASSY BERN

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJECT: CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES

REF: BERN 1674 (BEING REPEATED NAIROBI)

NAIROBI FOR UNEP DEL HERTER.

1. DEPT IS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BUT NOT NECESSARILY DISMAYED THAT UNEP HAS DESIGNATED IUCN TO ACT FOR IT AS SECRETARIAT FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION. IUCN CAN DO A GOOD JOB, TECHNICALLY, AND WE HOPE THAT UNEP HAS CHECKED THIS PROPOSAL OUT WITH SOME OF THE COUNTRIES (PARTICULARLY AFRICAN) WHICH INITIALLY OBJECTED DURING DRAFTING CONVENTION TO PROPOSAL THAT IUCN PROVIDE THE SECRETARIAT.

2. FOR BERN. SUGGEST YOU ANSWER PARA 4A OF IUCN NOTE WITH SUGGESTION THAT CONFERENCE BE SCHEDULED ABOUT NOVEMBER 1976.

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THIS WILL PROVIDE TIME FOR ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES TO ADHERE,

STILL LEAVE SOME TIME FOR SLIPPAGE IF NECESSARY. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INFORMALLY SUGGEST TO IUCN REPS THAT NOTICE OF COMING INTO FORCE AND PROPOSED DATE OF MEETING BE CIRCULARIZED TO SIGNATORIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET DEPOSITED RATIFICATIONS, AS A MEANS OF BRINGING FURTHER PRESSURE TO BEAR FOR THEM TO RATIFY. IUCN MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER WHETHER A SEPARATE CIRCULAR TO NON-SIGNATORY COUNTRIES MIGHT POSSIBLY GENERATE SOME ADHERENCES.

3. AS TO IUCN QUERY PARA 4B, YOU MAY RESPOND THAT U.S. MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY NOT YET FORMALLY APPOINTED. YOU MAY INFORMALLY RELAY SUPPOSITION THAT AUTHORITY WILL BE VESTED IN FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, U.S. DEPT OF INTERIOR, WASH, D.C. 20240.

4. FOR NAIROBI. HERTER THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH BACKGROUND OF IUCN RELATIONSHIP WITH ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION. SUGGEST IF POSSIBLE HE LEARN NATURE OF PROPOSED AGENCY RELATIONSHIP. WILL UNEP REIMBURSE IUCN FOR SECRETARIAT FUNCTION? DOES UNEP SEE ANY DANGER THAT COOPERATION FROM LDC'S, ESPECIALLY AFRICANS, MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY IUCN DESIGNATION? KISSINGER

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